

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

WORKS, SERVICES & PLANNING COMMITTEE

"Cherish the past, adorn the present, construct for the future"

Report of the meeting to be held on Thursday 7 June 2012
in the Council Chamber, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8DS

Present:	Cllr J Herschel - Chairman	Cllr C Jordan
	Cllr D Onslow - Vice Chairman	Cllr B Sadler
	Cllr J White	Cllr C Dodds
	Cllr M Wilkes	Cllr I Forbes
	Cllr J Johnson	

Also present: D Johncock and three residents Mr & Mrs Russell & Mrs Cox

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bailey & County Cllr Appleyard

2. Declarations of members' interests in Items on the agenda

There were none

3. The Nursery, Heath End Road

The Clerk reported that there was no further update on the site. The gates and hardstanding are in situ on the site and the owner is still in breach of planning control. Planning Officer Maria White from Wycombe District Council sent a 'chase' letter last week and was awaiting a response, she will keep the council informed.

4. Traffic Calming

4.1 Straight Bit, Flackwell Heath

The committee NOTED that it is reported that County Councillor M Appleyard is seeking to have Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) remove speed humps from Straight Bit, replacing them with pinch points at two locations and also possibly installing an additional pedestrian crossing.

The Council had not yet received any plans or consultation documents from TfB which would be in the form of a road traffic order.

The committee were advised that the County Council would not remove the road humps as survey results had shown them to reduce accidents on the road.

4.2 Treadaway Hill/Blind Lane, Flackwell Heath

The committee NOTED that it is reported that TfB are proposing to install permanent speed indicator devices (SIDs), one on Treadaway and another on Blind Lane.

The Council has yet to receive any plans or consultation document from TfB. It is possible that the Council may be asked to contribute to the costs of installation through a LCP bid.

The Clerk was asked to speak with Cllr Mike Appleyard to proceed with a joint bid for VAS (vehicle activated signs) equipment via LCP funding.

Cllr Onslow to provide information on speeding in the Flackwell Heath area for circulation to members.

4.3 Church Road, Tylers Green

The committee CONSIDERED a request from the working group of the Penn & Tylers Green Residents Society to support a trial by TfB without cost to the parish council:

- to narrow the entrance to Church Road by the installation of inter-locking mono-blocks and
- narrow the road beyond the Village Hall using solid white edge line markings and a new 'school children' warning sign.

A briefing note was tabled from both the Residents Society and the council regarding the possible options and the issues surrounding the junction and the speed of traffic.

After discussion it was AGREED that the council would write to the county council to support a 3 month trial of the road narrowing and ask that the trial should proceed only after immediate residents were consulted about the proposal.

4.4 Wheelie bin signage

After receiving a proposition from Cllr Onslow from the latest NAG meeting regarding the purchase of wheelie bins signs it was AGREED that the council purchase 1500 stickers (500 for each ward). It is hoped that the cost will be partly offset from sales of the stickers for £1 a pair inc VAT at the Cherry Fayre and other events. The availability of the stickers would also be advertised in the council's autumn newsletter.

5. Tree and shrub planting

5.1 Tree planting in Flackwell Heath and Loudwater

The committee NOTED that the District Council will be planting about 21 trees in the next few weeks at various locations in Flackwell Heath and Loudwater. The trees are being funded from Section 106 monies and will include lime, cherry and oak trees.

5.2 Shrub planter Chapman Lane/Hedley Road

It was NOTED that the council has on behalf of a resident arranged for a licence to cultivate one side of the grass verge at the corner of Chapman Lane and Hedley Road.

6. Council depot

6.1 Diesel bunker

It was NOTED that a 900 litre bunker for red diesel has been delivered and installed.

6.2 Break ins

It was NOTED that since the turn of the year there have been three events when the wire fence around the depot yard has been cut open, nothing of value has been taken.

Quotes to re-fence the depot boundary are being sought. The council has taken advice from their security company and will look into the costings of CCTV. It was suggested that the alarm boxes be updated.

The Clerk will be given the contact for a keyholding service to get a quote for alarm response.

7. Signage refurbishment programme

The committee RECEIVED a report from the chairman of the committee regarding proposals for new and replacement signs for the Front and Back Common in Tylers Green.

Cllr Herron and Cllr Johnson had completed a survey of the Common indicating the signage required and these will be purchased as part of the council's rolling programme of renewals. Finger posts on the common would be positioned over the next few months in conjunction with the fingerposts for the Queen's Ride in Kingswood.

In order to facilitate the process of replacing signs the Clerk was asked to provide maps for council owned land in each ward so that existing locations and types of signs could be identified by local members and return to the office the collation.

8. Cemetery memorials

Thanks was given to Cllr Onslow on his finding the location of all but 2 of the known abandoned memorials. An article about the ownership and maintenance of memorials will be included in the next parish newsletter, signposting residents to the abandoned list on our website.

In line with the council's policy memorials of historic or architectural merit will not be removed unless they become a danger to staff or visitors.

It was noted that accurate recording of each burial was necessary using the full name of the deceased in the council's records of burial.

It is intended that prior to the annual site visit that some memorials for removal will be staked out for ease of recognition.

9. Questions from council members and the public

No public were present.

10. Accounts for payment.

It was agreed that the accounts for payment and direct debits be approved for payment and the cheques be signed.

It was highlighted that cheque no 7508 was for legal representation on behalf of the council in connection with the Straight Bit Recreation Ground.

The chairman of the committee thanked members for their attendance and the meeting ended at 8.50pm.

The next meeting of the committee will be on Thursday 11 October 2012 at 7.30pm

Site visits on Thursday 19 July starting at 7pm

Signed **Dated**